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## AMENDMENT TO WILLOW SUBBASIN AREA PLAN

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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that this amendment to the Willow Subbasin Area Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands in the Kashwitna, Little Willow Creek, and Iron Creek units consistent with this amendment. The Kashwitna Management Plan supersedes the Willow Subbasin area plan within the Kashwitna Unit.

  
Rod Swope, Commissioner  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

October 24, 1990  
Date

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the amendment to the Willow Subbasin Area Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife habitat, harvest, and public use values during the development of the amendment. The Department of Fish and Game will use the amendment as guidance when implementing its authorities and when reviewing and commenting on proposed uses of state lands in the Kashwitna, Little Willow Creek, and Iron Creek units.

  
Don Collinsworth, Commissioner  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

11.15.90  
Date

## AMENDMENT TO WILLOW SUBBASIN AREA PLAN AND RECLASSIFICATION

### Description of amendment

The Kashwitna Management Plan amends and supersedes the Willow Subbasin Area Plan within the management plan boundary. In addition, the Willow Subbasin Area Plan is amended to consolidate agricultural homestead areas in the Iron Creek and Little Willow Creek units of the Willow Subbasin Area Plan and the Kashwitna Management Plan. It would change the following designations and classifications (see attached map):

<u>Subunit</u>	<u>Existing Primary Designation</u>	<u>Existing Secondary Designation</u>	<u>Proposed Primary Designation</u>	<u>Proposed Secondary Designation</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Kashwitna b	Wildlife Habitat Forest	Grazing Pub. Recreation	Agriculture (Kashwitna c)	Wildlife Habitat Forest Grazing	200 ac
Iron Creek b (part)	Wildlife Habitat Water Resources	---	Small Farms (Iron Creek a)	Wildlife Habitat Forest Grazing	1,850 ac
Iron Creek c	Small Farms	Wildlife Habitat	Wildlife Habitat Water Resources (Iron Creek b)	---	655 ac
Little Willow Creek b	Small Farms	Wildlife Habitat Forest Pub. Recreation	Wildlife Habitat Pub. Recreation (Little Willow Creek a)	Forest	1,275 ac
<b>TOTAL AREA AFFECTED</b>					<b>3,980 ac</b>

### Reasons for amendment and reclassification and determination of public interest

This amendment and reclassification is proposed to:

1. Update the Willow Subbasin Area Plan within the Kashwitna Management Plan.
2. Provide more detailed land management intent and guidelines for the Kashwitna Unit.
3. Allow more efficient agricultural development by clustering proposed homestead areas and locating homesteads on better agricultural soils.
4. Decrease the extent of new roads needed to support agricultural development.
5. Widen habitat and recreation buffers along Little Willow Creek.
6. Decrease the amount of farmland adjacent to wetlands.

The amendment in the Kashwitna Unit is in the best public interest because it tailors land management to the specific resources and uses of the area. Specifically, the consolidating the agricultural lands will improve the chance of success of agricultural development on state

land, provide wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities along an important anadromous stream, and reduce the impact of potential development on wetland areas.

**Classification Order**

Classification Order SC-90-007 will reclassify these lands.

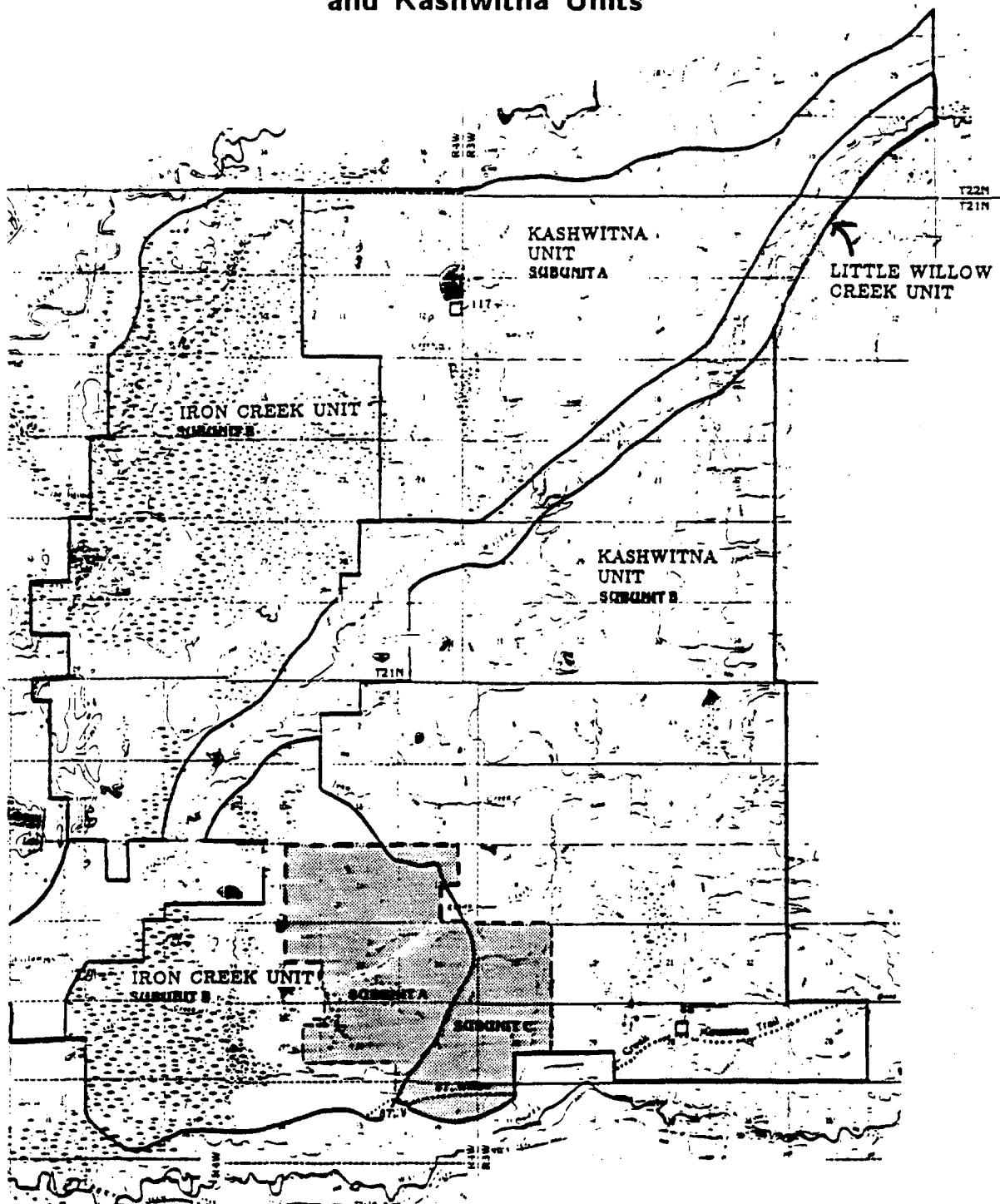
**Opportunity for public comment**

Public comments on the proposed amendment are welcomed. Comments should be submitted to:

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All comments must be received by October 12, 1990.

# Classifications in Iron Creek, Little Willow Creek, and Kashwitna Units



IRON CREEK  
Subunit A  
Subunit B

Agriculture  
Water Resources/Wildlife Habitat

LITTLE WILLOW CR.

Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat

KASHWITNA  
Subunit A  
Subunit B  
Subunit C

Forestry/Wildlife Habitat  
Forestry/Wildlife Habitat  
Agriculture